
Alarm Banner

Before MAT was introduced, you had to determine system status by logging in, browsing the history file to look for problems, and issuing a number of status commands in various overlays to look for disabled or faulty hardware. The Alarm Banner window now automatically alerts you to this information in a simple, direct manner.

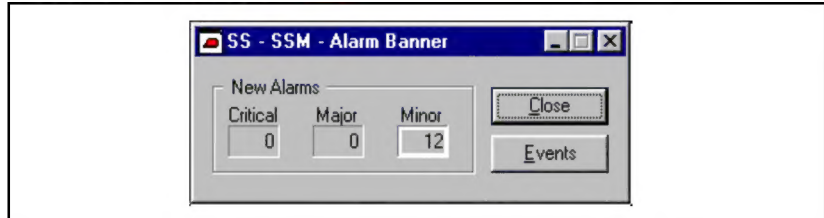
The Alarm Banner window alerts you to new alarms and gives you the count of current unacknowledged alarms. If you wish to learn more about an alarm, press the **Event List** button to launch the System Events window. If there are no alarms, you can log out or leave the Alarm Banner displayed and go on to another task.

When a new alarm arrives, the system beeps, and the Alarm Banner title bar icon and System window task bar icon flash. The flashing continues until you click anywhere in the Alarm Banner or System Events window.

Launching the Alarm Banner

From the **Configuration** menu of the System window, select **Event Notification**. Alternately, you can double-click the **Alarm Banner** icon in the System window toolbar. The Alarm Banner window appears as shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1
Alarm Banner window



The Alarm Banner is designed to keep you informed about the current status of the system. You might typically check the current status of the system for the following reasons:

- Standard operating procedure (for example, check every morning)
- Investigating a suspected or reported problem
- Checking and monitoring the system while performing other tasks

Launching the System Events window

You can launch the System Events window from the Alarm Banner by clicking the **System Events** button.

Alarm Notification

The primary function of the Alarm Banner is to notify you when a new alarm arrives in the following ways:

- An icon in the Alarm Banner title bar and System Events status bar flash to indicate the arrival of a new unacknowledged critical alarm.
- The task bar icon of the System Window also flashes in sync with the icon. The System Events window task bar flashes instead if it has the focus.
- The event count in the Alarm Banner is incremented appropriately for all users.
- One or more beeps sound. This is optional, see [See “Creating an Event Preference Definition” on page 16.](#)

Note: The System Events window must be active for the beep to sound.

- If the “Always on Top” option is turned on and the Banner has been minimized, then the Banner is restored (unless the System Events window has the focus, in which case it remains minimized).
- If the System Events window is running with auto update turned off, then the status bar text is updated to reflect the new alarm (for example, “Updates pending: New 1; Ack'd: 4; Cleared: 0”):
- If the Alarm Banner has been closed by the user, the sound notification is provided by the System Events window. The window is not brought to the front, as this may interfere with your current task.

There is no alarm notification if either of the following is true:

- The System Events window is closed
- Sound has been disabled